

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior claim listings:

1-2. (CANCELED)

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 29 further determining the individual's propensity to eczema.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 29 wherein the individual is an infant.

5-24. (CANCELED)

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of determining an individual's propensity to a peanut allergy, the method comprising

screening nucleic acid of the individual for the presence of a combination of markers which results in QR at position 130 of the polypeptide of IL-13, VV at position 75 of the IL-4R $\alpha$  polypeptide, and TT at position -159 of the CD 14 promoter, and

identifying the individual as having an increased propensity to a peanut allergy if the combination of markers is present.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of determining an individual's propensity to a milk allergy comprising

screening nucleic acid of the individual for the presence of a combination of markers which results in VV at position 75 of the IL-4R $\alpha$  polypeptide and TT at position -159 of the CD 14 promoter, and

identifying the individual as having an increased propensity to a milk allergy if the combination of markers is present.

27-28. (CANCELED)

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method to determine an individual's propensity to a food allergy, the method comprising

determining the presence of an allele combination comprising a genotype which results in V at polypeptide position 75 of IL-4R $\alpha$ , Q at polypeptide position 130 of IL-13, and T at nucleotide position -159 of CD14 promoter in at least one cell in the individual, wherein the presence of the allele combination indicates the individual's increased propensity to a food allergy.

30-32. (CANCELED)